

MINUTES
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 30, 2009
HAMILTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
1700 S. 10TH STREET
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

Commissioner Dillinger called the January 30, 2009 meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners to order declaring a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman and Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger. Commissioner Steven A. Holt was absent.

206th Street Right of Way

Mr. Brad Davis briefed the Commissioners on the right of way implications on the preliminary drawings of the 206th Street project. Mr. Joel Thurman reported a public meeting was held last summer with the residents to explain the scope, purpose and time frame of this project; no drawings were shown at this meeting. Mr. Jonathan Mullin, Floyd Burroughs & Associates, showed the preliminary drawings to the Commissioners.

- Dillinger and staff of the highway department will meet with the Gatewoods prior to the public hearing.
- Engineers will look at realignment options
- Engineers will look at a service road option and look at the options north of SR 19.
- Altman would like to see the costs on the homes in the area.

Stimulus Project List

Davis presented a list of proposed projects for the stimulus package. Altman gave an update of her visit to Washington D.C. Indiana's stimulus allocation is:

- Highways and Bridges - \$746,339,400
- Transit Capital - \$69,000,000
- Fixed Guideway - \$13,000,000
- Clean Water - \$140,000,000

Davis stated the package is being opened up to preservation type work so pavement and chip seal projects have been included on the project list. The federal government has stated in order to be eligible for funding consideration the projects have to be listed on the federal classification road system. The MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) has requested a list of what projects are on system and off system. Davis stated there is approximately \$4.5 million of county projects on the system.

Davis suggested starting the environmental study on the Olio Road Bridge and then if we don't receive funding we can stop the study. If it becomes a locally funded project we won't need the environmental study. The timeline for a Level 3 categorical exclusion is one year. Altman asked if we can receive reimbursement on the environmental? Davis stated he does not know but if we get \$14 million we can absorb the study costs.

Davis stated INDOT has indicated they want projects that are shovel ready. We will not be jeopardizing our federal aid on our existing federal projects, 96th Street and Olio Road, by putting them on the stimulus project list. We want them on the list to try to get 100% funding but if they don't make the cut it would be 80/20 funding. We need to purchase the right of way for the 96th Street. Davis stated the project can be let without purchasing all of the right of way by declaring an exception. Altman stated she wants separate counsel on right of way if Mr. Howard's office can not get the right of way handled quickly. Mr. Tim Knapp stated right of way acquisition is going smoother with Darren Murphy on staff and Mr. Howard has an attorney in Marion County set up to handle the acquisition on 96th Street to keep the project moving.

Davis recommended starting environmental studies on the small structure projects; they are considered a Level 2 due to needing more than ½ acre of right of way

Davis would like to see the 106th Street roundabout receive stimulus funding. Dillinger asked why has this not been turned over to the City of Carmel? Neal stated the area is not annexed, it will be annexed in 2010. Altman stated she does not want this project coming out of the regular budget, she does not mind it coming out of the stimulus funding. Mr. Jim Neal stated design on this began in 1998, the project proceeded with development due to guidance from the Commissioners and now we are being asked to stop. Dillinger stated we are not asking you to stop but we need to look at our projects more closely. Dillinger asked if it makes sense to complete the project when Carmel will be taking it over next year? Neal stated from a county budget standpoint no, from an improvement in traffic flow for the county residents, yes. Neal stated the project is estimated to cost \$600,000. Altman suggested Neal speak with the Carmel engineer and ask if we put it under a Bond if Carmel would assume the payments.

Davis stated equipment is included on the list; the sweeper is being purchased for environmental purposes.

Dillinger discussed the general philosophy of the highway department; we need to continue on with the projects that are most important to us now and gear things that when funding is available we are ready to go, other than that we need to be conservative.

Davis stated if the two federal projects do not receive stimulus monies we will need the 20% local funding. They will be informing the Council Highway Committee of that information. Altman recommended they request a Resolution from Council for the funding. Neal stated they will be requesting more than 20% because they have to pay for the construction inspection up front and that money will be reimbursed.

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Salt

Davis stated the salt supply is getting low but they are stretching it the best they can. They were going to request salt bids in February with Westfield, Fishers and Cicero. Davis spoke with the salt company and due to the limited supply they are bidding high. Davis has cancelled that bid for now. The State is working on how to incorporate everyone into the State bid. We can also wait a little longer and bid on our own prior to the State bid.

Dillinger moved to adjourn. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present

- Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner
- Steven A. Holt, Commissioner
- Dawn Coverdale, Auditor
- Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
- Brad Davis, Highway Director
- Jim Neal, Highway Engineer
- Joel Thurman, Highway Department Staff Engineer
- Tim Knapp, Highway Right of Way Specialist
- Jonathan Mullin, Floyd Burroughs & Associates
- Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

APPROVED
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST

Dawn Coverdale, Auditor